(e) the amount of expenditure incurred by the Government on their journeys perofrmed during 1997 till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (e) Information is being collected.

[English]

Construction of bridge over River Brahmaputra at Jogighopa

250. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of the bridge over Brahmaputra at Jogighopa is likely to be completed by December 1997 ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the Railway line from Jogighopa to Guwahati is likely to be completed by the end of 1998; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes,Sir, subject to availability of resources.

(d) Does not arise.

Auction of Uncleared Cargo

251. SHRI SURESH R. JADHAV : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Airports Authority of India has auctioned the uncleared cargo at Mumbai,Delhi,Chennai and Calcutta airports ; and

(b) if so, the proceeds received so far from such auctions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) and (b) Yes,Sir. The auction of uncleared cargo at Mumbai and Delhi has already started. The process of auction in Chennai and Calcutta shall begin from the last week of November,1997. The proceeds received upto 8th November 1997 at Mumbai is Rs. 6,61,06,029/- and at IGI Airport, Delhi is Rs. 1,39,05,016/-.

Height of T.V. Tower at Dibrugarh

252. SHRI KESHAB MAHANTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the height of the T.V. Tower at Dibrugarh (Assam) in order to facilitate more viewers ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) The transmitting antenna of the 10 KW High power TV transmitter (HPT) at Dibrugarh had to be mounted on a 75 m tower as against the normal tower height of 150 m for such HPTS, due to height restriction by the standing Advisory Committee on Frequency Allocation (SACFA). The matter has been taken up again with SACFA and any increase in tower height would depend on clearance by the concerned authorities.

[Translation]

HPT at Ajmer in Rajasthan

253. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made in setting up of High Power Transmitter in Ajmer, Rajasthan;

(b) the reasons for keeping the work pending; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be taken up and completed ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) The Scheme for setting up a High power TV transmitter (HPT) at Taragarh Fort Hill in Ajmer has been approved by the competent authority and equipment was also procured. The scheme could not be taken up for implementation earlier for want of approach road to the HPT site and the objections raised by the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH). The approach road has since been completed. Work on the site has already commenced. The project is expected to be completed by 2000-2001.

[English]

Suburban Passengers

254. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of suburban passengers travelled in Delhi, Mumbai,Calcutta and Chennai during 1995-96 and 1996-97, Metro-wise;

(b) the number of EMU trains on suburban section of Delhi,Mumbai,Calcutta and Chennai separately;

(c) the ratio of passengers and EMU trains in each suburban section of the above metropolitan cities; and

(d) the net earnings from each suburban section ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Total number of suburban passengers travelled in Delhi,Mumbai,Calcutta and Chennai in 1995-96 and 1996-97 is as under :

Number of passengers originating

(In Millions)

	1995-96	1996-97
Delhi	2	2
Mumbai	1813	1892
Calcutta	470	476
Chennai	199	208

Delhi has not been formally declared as 'suburban'. The Figures of suburban-like passenger traffic in and around Delhi have , however, been shown against Delhi.

(b) Average number of EMU trains run daily :

Delhi	22
Mumbai	2035
Calcutta	863
Chennai	553

(c) Average number of passenger per EMU train :

Delhi	278
Mumbai	2547
Calcutta	1510
Chennai	1032

(d) 'No separate accounts in respect of suburban services are maintained and, as such, no separate financial results for the same can be indicated. However, costing exercise is under taken to workout the working expenses, earnings and surplus in respect of the suburban services. The figures showing the financial results worked out for the suburban Railways in Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai for the year 1995-96 (latest available) are shown below :

Profit (+)/Loss(-)	(Rs.in Crores)
Mumbai	(+) 82.23
Calcutta	(-) 259.31
Chennai	(-)73.77

[Translation]

Income earned by Doordarshan

255. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of income earned by Doordarshan by telecasting various serials during 1996-97;

(b) the name of the serial which earned maximum income; and

(c) the names of serials still pending for approval ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) The total amount earned by Doordarshan by telecast of programmes including serials was Rs.572.72 crores during 1996-97.

(b) "Shri Krishna" Sir.

(c) The names of serials pending approval cannot be furnished at this stage since they are at various stages of processing. The number runs into thousands since producers submit proposals on their own without any reference to Doordarshan's requirement.

[English]

Live Telecast of Matches and running Commentaries by AIR

256. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether cricket matches played between India and Pakistan in Toronto and Pakistan were not live telecast;

(b) whether even running commentaries have not been broadcast by All India Radio;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the losses of revenue suffered by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) Yes, Sir. The matches could not be telecast live as telecasting rights were not available with Doordarshan.

(b) and (c) All India Radio covered the cricket matches played between India and Pakistan in Pakistan and commentaries were broadcast on National hook up between 28.9.1997 and 2.10.1997. The cricket matches played between India and Pakistan in Toronto were not covered